

PRESS RELEASE

City of Milton-Freewater Light & Power Honored with Two National Awards for Outstanding Safety Practices

WASHINGTON, D.C., April 22, 2008 - City of Milton-Freewater Light & Power has earned the American Public Power Association's Electric Utility Safety Award for safe operating practices in 2007. The utility earned a 1st Place award in the category for utilities with 22,894 worker-hours of annual worker exposure. Terry Huval, chair of the APPA Board of Directors, presented the award on April 22, during the association's annual Engineering & Operations Technical Conference, held in Indianapolis, Ind.

"Implementing safe utility practices requires the commitment and hard work of the entire utility," said Huval, director of utilities of Lafayette, La., Utilities System. "This collaborative effort to ensure the safety of employees is well demonstrated by the recognized utilities."

More than 200 utilities entered the annual contest. Entrants were placed in categories according to their number of worker hours and judged for the most incident-free records during 2007. The incidence rate, used to judge contest entries, is based on the number of work-related reportable injuries or illnesses and the number of worker-hours during 2007, as defined by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

"We're very proud of our safety record. It's a reflection of trained and skilled employees who are committed to the highest standards of public service," said Mike Charlo, Electric Superintendent of City of Milton-Freewater Light & Power. "City Light & Power will work to continue providing the community with safe and reliable electric service."

The safety contest has been held annually for the last 46 years. APPA is the national organization representing more than 2,000 not-for-profit, community- and state- owned electric utilities.

Milton-Freewater City Light & Power also earned 1st Place for the 2007 Northwest Public Power Association's Safety Contest in the 0 – 24,999 hours worked category. The award was presented to Mike Charlo, Electric Superintendent of City Light & Power at the Annual Engineering & Operations Conference held in Reno, Nevada, April 8 – 11, 2008.